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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Wednesday, September 21, 1955,
at 3:30 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

All members were present as follows: E. R. McCartney, Chairman, S. V. Dalton, Secretary, Ralph V. Coder, Dean, Graduate School, Dr. Donald Adey, Mr. Doyle Brooks, Dr. John Garwood, Dr. Calvin Harbin, Dr. Joel Moss, Dr. Katharine Nutt, Mr. Andrew Rematore, Mrs. Dollie Thomas and Dr. Gerald Tomanek.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman and the meeting time for the Senate was discussed. It was decided that the meetings for this year should be on Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.

The chairman welcomed the newly-elected members of the Senate.

Election of Faculty Senate Members:

The election time for the Faculty Senate might be better if held in the spring semester rather than in the fall at the beginning of the semester as has been the custom. To hold the election in the fall when there are so many details regarding the new school year tends to be confusing. This was discussed.

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the election for the Faculty Senate should be held near the end of the second semester of each year. Seconded and carried.

Method of figuring grade point:

Figuring the grade point was discussed. This was brought up by the Improvement of Instruction Committee. It was explained that a student is considered eligible for a degree when he has accumulated a minimum of 120 academic semester hours plus the required physical education which meet all the college requirements for a degree. The Institutional Recommendations Committee reported that students complete their work for a degree and then wish to enroll in the teaching block. This brings up the question regarding the quality of the work. It was explained that other colleges follow the same plan that is used here. The method of figuring the grade point was explained by Mr. Dalton.

Assemblies shorten the class periods:

Assemblies are usually held on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays and consequently the same classes are shortened each time there is an assembly. It was explained that the reason for holding the assemblies on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays is so that the laboratories on Tuesdays and Thursdays are not affected. It was asked if these laboratories should not share in the shortened periods as well as the other classes. There have been some suggestions in order to provide for assemblies without interrupting classes but they have not seemed satisfactory. One suggestion was to set aside a definite period for the assemblies but this does not permit flexibility in

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scheduling talent which is quite necessary because of our location. This suggestion has been given serious consideration on several occasions and each time it was felt the present system is much more satisfactory.

Future Class Periods:

To meet future increases in the number of classes without an increase in the amount of classrooms and laboratories several suggestions were made. Classes might meet throughout the day beginning on the hour with classes as early as 7:00 a.m. and at 12:00 noon, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 in the afternoon. If necessary a few classes might be scheduled in the evenings. No recommendation was made at this time.

Enrollment procedure:

At the next meeting the enrollment procedure will be discussed and it was suggested that the Senate members come prepared with suggestions for improvement.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

E. R. McCartney, Chairman

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